Ex-Gratia Pension to Widows

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4214. PROF. SHRIMATI SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government pay any ex-gratia pension to the widows of Railway employees retired with Provident Fund facilities;

(b) whether there is also any scheme to provide free pass facility to such widows; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Widowns and dependent children of deceased Railway employees who were governed under the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme and who had retired from service prior to 1.1.86 are entitled to ex-gratia payment of Rs. 150/ p.m. w.e.f. 1.1.86 or from the date following the date of death of the deceased employee; whichever is later. The ex-gratia payments is also admissible w.e.f. 1.1.86 to the widows and the dependent children of Contributory Provident Fund beneficiaries who died while in service prior to 1.1.86. The payment as above is however subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in the relevant Rules and orders.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir. According to the Scheme widows of Railway employes are eligible for complimentary passes subject to their fulfilling the prescribed conditions. there is no distinction between widows of Railway employees who retired on pension and widows of those Railway employees who retired under the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme.

Nagpur Diesel Shed

4215. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released for expansion of Nagapur diesel shed since 1989;

(b) the number of diesel engines overhauled in this diesel shed,, during last one year;

(c) the number of employees per engine approved by the Government and the number of employees working at present; and

(d) the time by which the required employees are likely to the provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Expansion of No diesel shed at Motibagh in Nagpur are was taken up in 1990-91 and an amount of Rs. 14.00 lacs has been releaseding connection therewith so far.

(b) Nagapur diesel shed is homing 58 NG locomotives. However overhauling of the diesel locmotives is not done in the diesel shed.

(c) As per yardstick about 7.5 men are sanctioned per locomotive for direct maintenance work. Against this the Nagapur Shed is having 7.3 men per loco at present.

(d) Proposal has been made for sanction of additional post to meet the yardstick.

Overhead Bridge at Daliganj (Lucknow)

4216. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state